

## **South Ellerbe Wetland Public Outreach Summary**

### **1. Trinity Park Neighborhood Association Meeting**

At the request of the Trinity Park Neighborhood Association, staff from the Public Works Department, Stormwater Services Division gave a presentation and heard public comment on June 06, 2012 at Watts Montessori Elementary School. Approximately 30 residents were in attendance, but several attendees did not sign the attendance sheet. Paul Wiebke began the meeting with a welcome and brief introductory remarks. Sandra Wilbur made a PowerPoint presentation regarding the project. Lance Fontaine assisted with meeting logistics. Public Works staff addressed several questions and comments during the course of the presentation as well as afterwards.

### **2. South Durham Green Neighbors**

Staff from the Stormwater Services Division of the Public Works Department gave a presentation and heard public comment on June 11, 2012 at Woodlake Clubhouse as part of the South Durham Green Neighbors monthly meeting. A total of 12 residents were in attendance. Sandra Wilbur discussed the project with attendees. Laura Smith and John Cox with the City of Durham, Public Works Department, Stormwater Services Division were present as well.

### **3. Old North Durham Neighborhood Association**

At the request of the Old North Durham Neighborhood Association, staff from the Public Works Department, Stormwater Services Division gave a presentation and heard public comment on June 13, 2012 at Agricultural Extension Office. Approximately 23 residents were in attendance but several attendees did not sign the attendance sheet. Paul Wiebke began the meeting with a welcome and brief introductory remarks. Mr. Wiebke made a PowerPoint presentation regarding the project. Dana Hornkohl, Raghu Badami, and Michelle Woolfolk assisted with meeting logistics. Public Works staff addressed several questions and comments during the course of the presentation as well as afterwards.

### **4. Organization Group Discussion Meeting**

Staff from the Public Works Department, Stormwater Services Division hosted a meeting on June 20, 2012 in Conference Room GA of Durham City Hall to discuss the proposed South Ellerbe Wetland project with representatives from local and regional organizations. Individuals from the following organizations were invited to attend: Durham County Soil and Water Conservation District, Durham County Stormwater and Erosion Control Division, Downtown Durham, Inc., Durham Chamber of Commerce, Durham Open Space and Trails Commission, Upper Neuse River Basin Association, Upper Neuse Clean Water Initiative, Triangle Land Conservancy, Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association, Duke University School of the Environment, American Rivers, Environmental Affairs Board, Neuse River Keeper, Friends of South Ellerbe Creek, Museum of Life and Science, Durham City - County Planning Department, Parks and Recreation Department, Durham Central Park, and the Eno River Association. Paul Wiebke, Sandra Wilbur, and Lance Fontaine from the City of Durham, Public Works Department, Stormwater Services Division and 7 other individuals were in attendance. Ms. Wilbur made a PowerPoint presentation regarding the project. Public Works staff addressed and discussed several questions and comments during the course of the presentation as well as afterwards.

### **5. Durham Open Space and Trails Commission**

At the request of the Durham Open Space and Trails Commission (DOST), staff from the Public Works Department, Stormwater Services Division gave a presentation and heard comment on June 20, 2012 in the City Hall Committee Room. Staff from the Stormwater Services Division of the Public Works Department, members of the DOST Commission, and some guests were in attendance. A total of 20 attendees were present though several did not sign the attendance sheet. Paul Wiebke made a PowerPoint presentation regarding the project. Jenifer Buzun assisted with meeting logistics. Mr. Wiebke addressed several questions and comments during the course of the presentation as well as afterwards. On September 19, 2012 Will Wilson, Chair of the DOST Commission, signed a resolution in support of the proposed project.

### **6. InterNeighborhood Council of Durham**

At the request of the InterNeighborhood Council of Durham, staff from the Public Works Department, Stormwater Services Division gave a presentation and heard public comment on June 26, 2012 at the Neighborhood Improvement Services Conference Room at Golden Belt. Approximately 40 residents were in attendance but several individuals did not sign the attendance sheet. The meeting was one of three public meetings advertised on the City of Durham project website and through a press release issued on June 13, 2012. John Martin, President of the InterNeighborhood Council of Durham, began the meeting with a welcome, introductions, and approval of previous meeting minutes before giving the floor to Public Works staff. Paul Wiebke provided a brief introduction. He gave the floor to Sandra Wilbur who gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the project. Lance Fontaine assisted with meeting logistics. City of Durham Councilman Mike Woodard was in attendance as were Mike Fowler and Ben Nash, representatives from Brown and Caldwell, the firm that conducted the feasibility study of the

project and has been assisting Public Works staff on the project. Public Works staff addressed several questions and comments during the course of the presentation as well as afterwards.

**7. Environmental Affairs Board**

At the request of the Environmental Affairs Board, staff from the Public Works Department, Stormwater Services Division gave a presentation and heard comment on July 11, 2012 in the Conference Room GA of Durham City Hall. Staff from the Public Works Department, members of the Environmental Affairs Board, and a guest resident were in attendance. A total of 8 individuals were present, excluding Public Works staff. Paul Wiebke gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the project. Jenifer Buzun assisted with meeting logistics. Mr. Wiebke addressed several questions and comments during the course of the presentation as well as afterwards. On October 03, 2012 the Environmental Affairs Board signed a resolution in support of the project.

**8. Public Meeting - Durham City Hall**

Staff from the Public Works Department, Stormwater Services Division gave a presentation and heard public comment on July 12, 2012 at a public meeting in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was one of three public meetings advertised on the City of Durham project website and through a press release issued on June 13, 2012. Approximately 23 residents were in attendance but several did not sign the sign-in sheet. Paul Wiebke provided a brief introduction before giving the floor to Sandra Wilbur. Ms. Wilbur made a PowerPoint presentation regarding the project. Lance Fontaine assisted with meeting logistics. Mike Fowler, Ben Nash, and Melissa Adams, representatives from Brown and Caldwell the firm that conducted the feasibility study of the project and has been assisting Public Works staff on the project were in present and assisted in addressing questions from the audience. Public Works staff addressed several questions and comments during the course of the presentation as well as afterwards. During the meeting, Chris Dreps, the Director of the Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association, provided a statement of support of the project on behalf of his organization.

**9. Extension Master Gardeners of Durham County**

At the request of the Extension Master Gardeners of Durham County, staff from Public Works Department, Stormwater Services Division gave a presentation and heard public comment on July 25, 2012 at the North Durham Regional Library. A total of 47 residents were in attendance. The Master Gardeners meeting began with a brief overview of the meeting agenda and introductory remarks made by a Master Gardener representative. He gave the floor to Sandra Wilbur who gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the project. Lance Fontaine assisted with meeting logistics. Ms. Wilbur addressed several questions and comments during the course of the presentation as well as afterwards.

**10. Durham Soil and Water Conservation District**

At the request of the Durham Soil and Water Conservation Board of Supervisors, staff from Stormwater Services Division briefed board members on August 06, 2012 at the DSWC office. John Cox and Paul Wiebke provided the board and its guests with information about the proposed project and addressed questions. A total of 14 individuals were in attendance.

**11. Public Meeting - North Regional Library**

Staff from the Stormwater Services Division gave a presentation and heard public comment on August 07, 2012 at a public meeting at the North Durham Regional Library. The meeting was one of three public meetings advertised on the City of Durham project website and through a press release issued on June 13, 2012. A total of 12 residents were in attendance but several did not sign the sign-in sheet. Sandra Wilbur provided a brief introduction before giving a PowerPoint presentation on the project. Lance Fontaine assisted with meeting logistics. Ben Nash, a representative from Brown and Caldwell, the firm that conducted the feasibility study of the project and has been assisting Public Works staff on the project, was in present and assisted in addressing questions from the audience. Sandra Wilbur and Paul Wiebke addressed numerous questions and comments during the course of the public meeting.

**12. Trinity Park Neighborhood Association Meeting**

At the request of the Trinity Park Neighborhood Association's (TPNA) Urban Planning Committee, staff from the Stormwater Services Division were invited to attend a meeting on September 12, 2012 at the King's Daughters Inn to discuss feedback and details gathered since the June general meeting to the TPNA. A total of 22 individuals were present at the meeting including Paul Wiebke and Sandra Wilbur of the Public Works Department and Durham City Council Members, Cora Cole-McFadden and Mike Woodard. Julia Barbely-Brown, the president of the TPNA began the meeting with introductory remarks before giving the floor to Katherine Jordan of the TPNA who reviewed project history and timeline. The purpose of the meeting was to provide opportunity to clarify, discuss, and resolve remaining concerns that TPNA has of the proposed project.

As a group, attendees discussed specific issues pertaining to project need, site selection, building demolition, City process, as well as design and amenity considerations. Sandra Wilbur and Paul Wiebke addressed questions from the audience.